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**Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group 1745**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant:	Trent M. Molter	:	Group Art Unit:	1745
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**For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MAINTAINING COMPRESSION OF THE  
ACTIVE AREA**

September 17, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment/AF/RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Sir:

This is an amendment under 37 CFR §1.116 to the Final Office Action dated July 11, 2007, issued in the above-identified application, wherein Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments, which place the claims in a condition of allowance, be entered pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR §1.116 and that the application be reconsidered in light of the accompanying remarks.

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